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Letter dated 9 February 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to address you regarding my Government's concern for certain information contained in the report of 8 January 1993 of the Special Commission of Inquiry into the assassination of Mr. Hakija Turaljic, Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina (S/25130). Specifically, my Government is distressed that the report notes, among other things, that the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) has banned flights of humanitarian aircraft originating from Islamic countries generally, and carrying Turkish or Iranian insignia specifically, into Sarajevo airport.

My Government believes that the implementation of such a policy not only is prejudicial to the basic doctrine of equality among Member States, but also amounts to appeasement of the demands of those aggressor forces which have given rise to the need for humanitarian relief in the first place. Moreover, UNPROFOR's policy banning flights originating from Islamic countries, including Turkish and Iranian aircraft, to Sarajevo airport is contrary to UNPROFOR's stated mission: assuring the safe delivery of humanitarian assistance.

The Presidency of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina therefore implores you to take all necessary steps to reverse UNPROFOR's flight ban.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 143, and of the Security Council.

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